a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Defence on the 'Army Cantonments'.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on Thursday, the 25th February, 1999 allotted one hour for the discussion on the Resolution regarding President's Rule in the State of Goa.

The Committee also recommended that the sittings of the Rajya Sabha fixed for Monday, the 1st March, 1999 and Wednesday, the 3rd March, 1999, be cancelled.

The Committee further recommended that in order to complete the listed Government Business, the House should sit beyond 5.00 p.m., each day, from Friday, the 26th February, 1999.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD OF ARCHAEOLOGY

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : सभापति महोदया, मैं आपकी अनुमति से निम्नलिखित प्रस्ताव उपस्थित करता हूं :-

> "भारत सरकार (भारतीय पुरात्तव सर्वेक्षण) संकल्प संख्यांक 9-1/97 ईई, दिनांक 15 दिसम्बर, 1998 के पैरा 1 के उपबंध के अनुसरण में, यह सभा ऐसी रीति से, जैसा सभापति निर्देश दें, सभा के सदस्यों में से एक सदस्य को केन्द्रीय पुरात्तव सलाहाकार बोर्ड का सदस्य होने के लिए निर्वाचित करने की कार्यवाही करें।"

The question was put and the motion was adopted

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI DILIP RAY): Sir, I beg to announce that the Government Business in this House for the next week commencing 1st March, 1999 will consist of:

1 Further discussion on the Motion of ' Thanks on the President's Address.

2 Consideration and passing of following Bills as pased by Lok Sabha:—

(a) The Explosive Substances (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1998.

(b) The Coffee (Amendment) Bill, 1998.

3. Consideration and passing of the North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 1998.

4. Discussion on the Resolution seeking approval of the Proclamation issued by the President in the state of Goa.

RE. STRIKE BY BANK EMPLOYEES

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, everybody knows that 13 lakh bank employees are on strike. They were on strike yesterday, and they are on strike today. There is an action plan announced by the Joint Committee which says that there will be continuous strike from 17th March, paralysing the entire banking system. Sir, I am not going into the merits of their demands. But, at the same time, taking into consideration the economic crisis of the country and taking into consideration the crisis of the country and taking into consideration the crisis in which some of the banks—not all, may be a few—are today, I appeal to the bank employees, their unions to be reasonable and realistic so far as their economic demands are concerned. I expect a little more realism from them. While saying so, I must say that the Indian Banks Association must end their confrontationist attitude which is precipitating the strike. Who are the sufferers? It is the common people who are the sufferers. The traders and businessmen have their own alternative economy. They know how to manage